

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DENOUNCING BIGOTRY AND HATEFUL SPEECH, VIOLENT ACTION, AND THE SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19 THAT CASTS BLAME AND PROMOTES RACISM OR DISCRIMINATION; URGING ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF KEY WEST TO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT AND STRIVE TO KEEP EVERY PERSON SAFE DURING THIS UNPRECEDENTED PANDEMIC AND BEYOND; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, more than 4,922,130 cases and more than 323,956 deaths have been confirmed worldwide as of May 20, 2020, according to the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1,500,000 cases and 90,340 deaths have been reported in the United States as of May 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 will not be stopped by political boundaries and was not created or caused by any race, nationality or ethnicity, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors that can fuel ethnic and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is fully committed to the safety, security, and equal treatment of its residents as it confronts the COVID-19 pandemic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission denounces bigotry and hateful speech, violent action and the spread of misinformation related to COVID-19 that casts blame, promotes racism or discrimination.

Section 2: That the City Commission urges residents and visitors to treat each other with respect, and to strive to keep every person safe during this unprecedented pandemic and beyond.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2020.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2020.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK